

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2007, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Office Action Summary

Claims 1-7 and 11-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ditzik (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,073) in view of Raffel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,629; hereafter "Raffel").

Claims 8, 9 and 10 are indicated as allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

II. Amendments of Claims

In this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-13, and adds new claim 18 based on the specification as discussed below. No new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully requests entrance and allowance of the claims as amended.

III. Analysis of Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

As noted above, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the following feature of the present application as supported in the specification (page 9, lines 9-14):

wherein the portable terminal comprises means configured to relay call signals between the radiotelephone terminal and the relay transceiver station.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above feature is not taught or suggested by Ditzik because Ditzik does not teach or suggest that the handset unit 14 of Fig. 7 has means configured to relay call signals between the notebook unit wireless communication means 51 and the external wide area communication network 33.

Specifically, assuming *arguendo* that the handset unit 14 and the notebook unit wireless communication means 51 correspond to the claimed portable terminal and the claimed radiotelephone terminal, respectively, Ditzik teaches that the notebook unit wireless communication means 51, but not the handset unit 14, is configured to serve as a relay for a call originated from the handset unit 14. In other words, the notebook, instead of the handset unit, relays the call signal from the handset unit to the communication network, while, in the claim, the portable terminal performs such relay function. See the abstract, claim 1 (element (c)), page 8 lines 43-45, etc. of Ditzik.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed terminal as amended would not have been obvious over the references at least because Ditzik does not disclose the claimed relay function of the portable terminal.

Claims 2-6 should be allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

As to claim 5, however, Applicant submits that this claim should be patentable without regard to its claim dependency, because Ditzik does not disclose that the handset unit 14 has a function to enable the external wide area communication network 33 and the notebook unit

wireless communication means 51 to communicate each other. In Ditzik, the handset unit 14 is simply a portable terminal for calls but does not actively enable the network 33 and notebook unit 51 to communicate each other.

Thus, the claimed radiotelephone terminal unit would not have been obvious over the references regardless of the claim dependency.

Claim 7 should be patentable at least for the same reason discussed in the claim 1 analysis as above.

Claims 8-17 should be allowable at least due to their claim dependencies.

IV. Allowable Claims

Applicant requests the Examiner to hold the rewriting of allowable claims 8-10 in abeyance until the arguments presented with respect to rejected claims have been reconsidered.

V. New Claims

Applicant adds new claim 18 to more fully cover the present application. The new claim is supported by page 7 lines 17-31 of the specification. No new matter is added.

VI. Conclusion

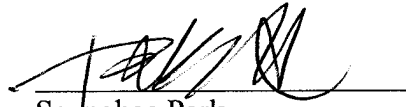
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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